

Southwest Neighborhood Association
Meeting at Butler Creek Elementary
4/15/10

The meeting was called to order by Suzan Wells, President, at 7:05. She welcomed new people and went over the agenda.

Suzan introduced Megan from Mt. Hood Medical Center. She is the new public relations spokesperson. She wanted to know what we think of the center and talked about their history and the remodel and renovation of the short stay unit. She discussed radiation exposure and their new low dose radiation CAT scan machine. She explained that they offer radiation and chemo services for cancer treatment. They offer community classes and support groups. They offer special stroke treatment. Jobs can be found on legacyhealth.org.

Suzan introduced Councilor Dick Stratham. Dick is trying to recruit to the citizen advisory committees. Explained what it was and the important role that it plays. Citizen involvement committee is trying to get more citizens involved. Fires need to be lit under citizens to get involved and engaged. He read a letter that was written to him. He said that there is a good probability that he will not run for office again. He talked about running for office and the representation of the councilor on the board.

Suzan introduced a new segment to our meeting called "Toot our Horn". She told us about a lady in our neighborhood who got a grant from the city and is putting the doggie doo bags on our trails and parks. She introduced Gene Wilkenson and he paints and repaints the wall at Butler Creek Park. Suzan discussed borrowing mowers from city to mow the parks. Volunteers are needed for parks. Mike Pearsol is painting over graffiti all over our neighborhood. There are graffiti kits available to the city. Suzan discussed Dennis and the fact that he found out that a cell tower application had never been submitted to the city. Dennis is going to help Terri, our land use chair.

Gene shared that the city is happy to help citizens with graffiti removal needs. Dean Wells shared about a guy that picks up garbage and the good work that he is doing.

Megia made a motion to accept the minutes from the 1/21/2010 meeting as written, Steve Bennett seconded, and a unanimous vote in favor of was taken.

Suzan discussed the chat with the Mayor that took place. The Mayor wanted to know what our concerns were and told us about the waiving of fees for new business fewer than 5000 square feet. This is an unusual incentive for business owners. The Mayor discussed citizen corps group. These people are trained and have procedures. We can ask for them to patrol or help the neighborhood with patrol needs. The Mayor also told about housing down payment help to get people to buy houses in our city.

As a result of the Mayor meeting, PGE met with some of the neighbors that have been hearing a humming noise coming from the substation. They are looking into the issue. It was commendable of the Mayor to contact PGE to get them looking into this issue.

Suzan discussed the meetings she has had with the city over the last couple of weeks. Suzan is now part of a stakeholders committee from the city regarding development. She explained that the city has hired a new planner (for six months) to work exclusively on a new big box code. The city is really trying to now

develop a code. They are taking our input and we discussed the upcoming meeting and how we would like a lot of people to show up and some people to speak to make an impression. Suzan discussed what we would like to say; traffic, buy local, and zoning. Suzan told us about Onward Oregon.

Suzan discussed the upcoming meeting and encouraged us to show up. Suzan gave a short history of the old QFC building for the newcomers.

New business – parking issues around the park.

Suzan shared that our vice president, Jeff Nelson, is going to redo the bylaws. If anyone that would like to help with that; their help would be appreciated.

Suzan discussed how we took over the neighborhood association, and all the processes and procedures involved with that.

Steve Bennett discussed Earth Day, and what items will be recycled, helmets and compost bins. Earth day is Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Meeting adjourned.